(b) whether the officer concerned has been brought to book;

(c) if not, what steps the Government propose to take to avoid such escapes and negligence of duty in the future?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) On the night of 10th Thulam 1100.

(b) There were no favourable circumstances.

(c) As soon as his escape was known, telegrams showing his identification marks were sent to Shoranur, Podanore, the Madras Beach Station, Calicut, Quilon, Kottarakkara, Trivandrum, Attungal and Tinnevelli. Letters were sent to all the charging stations of the State and the Sub-Inspectors of Palghat, Mangalore, Salem, Coimbatore, Tanjore, Madura, North Arcot, Erode, Raichur and Arkonam. An offer of a reward of Rs. 50 for his arrest was notified in the Madras Criminal Intelligence Gazette and the State Gazette. Sub-Inspector Mr. Vaideswara Ayyar was deputed on special duty to re-arrest him. In spite of these efforts, no clue as to his whereabouts has yet been obtained.

(a) Constable No. 681, Usuff's.

(b) He was suspended and prosecuted.

(c) In view of the above answer, no reply is necessary to this.

The Reserve Inspector of Police in the State.

334. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state (with reasons):

(a) whether there were Proceedings (Emergency I of 1096) in which sanction was given to appoint a Reserve Inspector only on Rs. 100 to 150 per mensem;

(b) if so, why is it in contravention to the above Proceedings an Inspector on Rs. 250 is appointed;

(c) whether it is a fact that, when the Commissioner of Police wanted him to instruct drill to the Nayar Brigade also, he refused to do so, unless a special allowance was given to him;

(d) whether it is a fact that he attends office only on working days and that too from two to five;

(e) (1) whether there is any duty for him other than instructing drill to the constables and that only between two and five;

(2) whether the Division Inspectors of 25 years' service are paid only Rs. 200 in lieu of Rs. 250 for the Reserve Inspector;

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(3) whether the Division Inspectors have not to work much more even at night and untimely hours at times much in excess of the Reserve Inspector;

(4) whether the Government contemplate confirming the present incumbent (Reserve Inspector) in his place, and retaining him for any long period, and if so, how long;

(5) whether they contemplate encouraging hereafter Indian officers of approved merit (retired from the army or otherwise qualified) for the place of the Reserve Inspector;

(6) whether the Government are aware of the alleged compulsion of the said Reserve Inspector to extract Sports Fee from the low-paid constables;

(7) what action the Reserve Inspector has taken on the Commissioner's order of last Kanni or so to depute a qualified Head-constable or constable to train up the Nayar recruits, and if no action has been taken up till now, the reasons therefor?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of that furnished to (a).

(c) He did not refuse, but represented to the Commissioner of Police in person his claims for an extra allowance.

(d) He attends parade in the morning as well.

(e) (1) He has to attend to office work in addition.

(2) The two Division Inspectors are in the grades Rs. 125 to 150 and Rs. 150 to 200.

(3) The Division Inspectors have at times much more work than the Reserve Inspector.

(4) He has been already confirmed, and the question of his retirement will be considered in time according to rules and exigencies.

(5) The question of entertaining Indian officers for the Reserve Inspector's place will be considered, when a vacancy occurs.

(6) Government are not aware of any such compulsion.

(7) A constable with military training was detailed to do this work.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Under what Proceedings was a Reserve Inspector appointed?

President.—Was there any Government order? There must be.

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Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes, there must be a Government order appointing him.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was it stated in the Proceedings that his pay would be only from Rs. 100 to 150?

President.—Have you looked into the order?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—I could not find the order referred to by the member.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government find out whether there is such an order?

President.—Yes, at the next session.

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